**EAF 410: Research Methods and Statistics in Education DRAFT TWO**

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| **Tentative Topic/Title of the study** | **Cyber Bullying** |
| **Research Design:**  (The design drives the way the study is conducted, and how data is collected and analyzed. E.g. experimental, correlation, causal-comparative, etc.) | A survey designed to examine student perspectives on cyber bullying and school policies on cyber bullying. |
| **Participants and Research Setting:**  (who will be included in the study. How do you propose to select these individuals. Describe the setting in which these individuals are located if you are conducting your study in a school setting) | Study will be conducted at one school in Northern Illinois. Participants will be students in the \_\_ grade. ~I can’t remember what grade you work with Mike.  Random sample of students from (which grades?) Do we want equal numbers of boys and girls?  Surveys will be distributed in classrooms during school hours (to all students? Then just use responses randomly? Might be easier?) |
| **Ethical Considerations:**  (What ethical issues are important for your study?) | Parents will need to be informed of the study and they will need to sign consent forms for their children to participate in the survey. Data will be represented as a cumulative data set and will not be associated with students’ names.  Students will be allowed to opt out of the survey at any time. |
| **Instrumentation:**  (Describe the tool you will use to collect data, eg. The survey(s)/questionnaire, observation protocol, interview protocol, etc. Description will include what the instrument is designed to measure, who designed the instrument, how many items are on the survey or do you plan to have on the survey (estimate for now), then include a description of the rating scale, reliability and validity statistics if known) | We will use a survey to collect data. The survey is in the draft form. The draft currently has one demographics question. The other five questions are closed ended questions with the choice of writing in “other” on some questions where that response is appropriate.  Survey will use a likert scale (1-5) rating the degree to which students experience cyberbulling, how they feel about it, where it occurs, and perceptions of school policies related to cyberbullying. |
| **Data Collection Procedures:**  (Outline how study will be implemented. This needs to be a -step-by-step procedure) | Paper copies of the survey will be distributed to the students in the Spring of 2011. **Students will be asked to complete the survey and return it in a sealed envelope.** ~Mike, how will this work out? Is there a better way? |
| **Limitations:**  (Identify both internal and external threats to validity that will potentially influence the study): | This study will be conducted in only one school due to the fact that one of our group members is not currently teaching in a school and another will be on maternity leave. There may be a question as to the validity of the survey/data due to this fact. |
| **Data Analysis Procedures:**  (How do you plan to analyze the data. You can start thinking of this now, however, w**ork on in this component will be finalized in the coming weeks)** | Surveys will be compiled and analyzed for data trends; responses to likert items will be averaged so recommendations can be made. |